

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Children's Integrated Services Early Intervention (CIS/EI) Providers, Special Education Administrators, and Essential Early Education Coordinators

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SUBJECT: New Part C Rules – Implementation

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On May 30, 2013 the Legislative Council on Administrative Rules (LCAR) approved the proposed revisions to the State Special Education Rules which include Part C and Part B, which become effective on July 1, 2013.

The Agency of Education (AOE) and the Agency of Human Services (AHS), Department for Children and Families (DCF) are in the process of developing clarification, training and guidance for CIS/EI providers and school districts for implementation of these rules. In accordance with the May 24, 2013 joint agency memo from Secretary Vilaseca and Commissioner Yacovone, the interagency rules Committee on Guidance has identified four exceptions to the July 1, 2013 start date. The Committee on Guidance has set actual start dates, and is providing accompanying guidance for these exceptions in this memo which will be clarified further in a webinar scheduled for June 18, 2:30 PM.

### **EXCEPTIONS to the July 1, 2013 Rules Start Date**

Rule	Actual Start Date
1. Part C Child Find	July 1, 2014 See joint memo 5.24.13
2. Birth to Three Screening	Fully implemented by July 1, 2014 See joint memo 5.24.13
3. Revisions to current eligibility criteria for children receiving CIS/EI services and transitioning to EEE at age three	November 15, 2013
4. Late referral to Part C	November 15, 2013

## **Part C Child Find**

Please refer to attached May 24, 2013 joint agency memo.

## **Birth to Three Screening**

As of November 15, 2013, the state guidance and training materials will support CIS/EI and LEAs to begin designing and implementing elements of a birth to three screening process. Screening procedures must be in place by July 1, 2014 and in accordance with the regional agreements for the 2014-2015 school year.

## **Transition at Age Three**

- A. For children who will turn three (3) years of age **prior to November 15, 2013**, the current State Special Education Rules remain in effect:
  - a. A child who received specialized instruction, developmental therapy services or speech services through an IFSP/One Plan shall be eligible for EEE without need for an additional evaluation.
- B. For children who will turn three (3) years of age **after November 15, 2013**, the *new* State Special Education Rules will be in effect. This includes the implementation of 'potentially eligible' for Part B services at age 3 as defined in rules and clarified in state guidance materials.

## **Late Referral to Part C**

- A. For children under three (3) years of age who are referred to CIS/EI **between August 15<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup> 2013**, please follow late referral guidance (see attached).
- B. For children under three (3) years of age who are referred to CIS/EI within 90 days of their third birthday **after November 15, 2013**, new guidance is being developed.

## **Webinar**

A guidance webinar is scheduled for June 18, 2:30 PM. An e-mail will be sent out with instructions for participating.

Attachments: Late Referral Transition Policy and Procedures  
May 24, 2013 AHS/AOE Joint Agency Memo

